

60,000 TEUTONS REPORTED CUT TO PIECES BY THE ITALIANS

Moody hills around Verdun were not in vain; they created new foundations for the conduct of the war.

ROME REPORT OF KAISER'S PLANS.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The report that a new German peace move is a hand is supported by apparently reliable information which has reached high quarters here.

It is said that on Christmas Day Emperor William will issue a declaration containing peace proposals, but whether explicit conditions of peace may be expected or merely another manoeuvre intended to throw on the Allies responsibility for continuance of the war cannot be ascertained.

THREE AUSTRIAN GENERALS SHOT IN BATTLES IN ITALY

Rome Reports That Forces Which Cross Piave River Were Driven Back.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Three Teuton divisions—approximately 60,000 men—were literally cut to pieces by the Italians in the German offensive against Col. Barretta and Monte Asolone, according to despatches from Rome.

Commanders of the seventh and eighth Austrian brigades and Gen. Pfeffer, commander of the fourth Austrian division, have been seriously wounded, captured prisoners declared.

With the recapture of positions on Monte Asolone the Italians have re-established their positions over the menaced portions of the Italian lines. For three days the defenders fought under a terrific artillery fire and against asphyxiating gases. Losses on both sides were enormous.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces which had crossed the Piave River at Vecchia have been driven back over the river, the War Office announces.

On the mountain front, the statement says, the Austro-Germans passed the Italian positions in the Adige sector in the region of Buso Monte-Val-hela but stopped at the Italian rear positions.

The Italians are counter attacking with satisfactory results.

U. S. AIR MECHANICS TRAINED IN FRANCE

American Aviators Will Find a Big Force of Assistants When They Arrive.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 24 (by the Associated Press).—When the American air fighters begin arriving in France in large numbers they will find a corps of several thousand American air mechanics trained on this side of the Atlantic waiting to assemble, repair and care for their machines.

The Associated Press is able to announce that arrangements have been completed for training a large number of mechanics this winter in England, and that many repair units already have been sent there. They will retrace the English Channel as needed when trained.

Arrangements also have been made for the establishment in the United States of flying schools for Italian aviators.

GERMANS TAKE OFFENSIVE ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

Defeated Three Times on the Cerna in Effort to Anticipate Allied Drive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Germany has started a powerful offensive in Macedonia, probably to anticipate the Allied campaign about ready to begin.

Along the Cerna River three violent attacks against positions held by Italians have been repulsed with heavy losses, official despatches stated to-day. The fighting continues.

AMERICANS IN NO PLOT TO AID THE COSSACKS

Action of Red Cross and Ambassador Francis Defended by Officials at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Neither the Red Cross nor American Ambassador Francis at Petrograd is involved in any conspiracy to aid Gen. Kaledine's counter-revolution in Russia, officials declared emphatically to-day, replying to Leon Trotsky's charges that such a plot was afoot.

Francis, it was explained, had a right to request uninterrupted passage of a Red Cross train to Rostov for the Rumanian Red Cross mission, and it was proper for him to advance money to the mission if he actually did so.

These are the two charges upon which Trotsky framed his claim that Francis was leagued with the counter-revolutionists, hinting apparently that the train carried supplies for Kaledine's instead of for the Rumanian Red Cross mission.

The State Department said it had extended no recognition to the Bolshevik regime as the de facto Government. It explained that none of the Governments thus far had considered the Bolshevik power as sufficiently stable to constitute even a de facto Government, which is the

ARMY OF 100,000 TRIBESMEN SENT AGAINST COSSACKS

Bolshevik Government Enlists Mountaineers to Check Kaledine's Revolt.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—An army of 100,000 formed from mountain tribesmen is moving against the rear of Gen. Kaledine's revolting Cossack forces in the Caucasus, the Bolshevik Government announced to-day.

Gen. Antonoff, the military commander of the Petrograd district, has gone to Kiev, with instructions to negotiate with the Ukrainian Rada in an effort to settle the differences between it and the Bolshevik Government.

It is reported that the authorities of the new Ukrainian Government are ready to accept proposals looking toward a peaceful arrangement. The movement for harmony is attributed to the fact that the growing dangers of the situation are being recognized to an increasing extent by the Bolsheviks. For the same reason they are believed to be inclined to modify their attitude of hostility toward the Constituent Assembly, which is likely to meet within a week.

There are numerous reports of military activities on the part of the Ukrainians and Cossacks, but apparently there have been no hostilities on a large scale of such a nature as to indicate important developments.

The supposed impending arrival of Germans here is the universal topic of discussion in the city, but every one seems to have a different version. Many centre around the concentration near the city of a large force of released German war prisoners.

Thousands of German war prisoners are flocking toward Petrograd from all parts of Russia.

The Germans have been pushing trade with Russia since the frontier was opened. They are making the most of a commercial opportunity such as the world has never seen before, inasmuch as Russian industries are nearly dead and the Germans have no competition.

The Germans have refused to admit M. Zinovief, a close associate of Nikolai Lenin, and other Bolsheviks whom the Soldiers and Workmen delegates wished to send in to spread their doctrines in the German army. They also declined to admit Trotsky's newspaper printed in German for army propaganda.

The Bolsheviks are negotiating with the Social Revolutionists of the left for the formation of a coalition government, wherein the latter will hold the Ministries of the Interior, Justice, Posts and National Affairs.

A despatch from Tashkent, capital of Turkestan, describes the lynching under horrible circumstances of Gen. Korovitchenko, who was Kerenky's military commander in the province.

It is reported that the Germans are moving troops from the Russian northern and western fronts to the southwestern and Rumanian fronts.

May Move Peace Conference to Neutral Ground.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—The Brest Litovsk peace conference is to be moved to some neutral ground, possibly Stockholm, early in the New Year, according to word received here to-day.

DENTIST HELD AS SLAYER OF THREE-MONTHS BRIDE

Tries to End Own Life After Writing to His Mother, "I Wanted to Be an Honor to You."

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 24.—"I wanted to be an honor to you, but a great trouble has overtaken me and I am not able to bear it. God only knows my trouble, and just how it came about."

This was the farewell message Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, twenty-three-year-old dentist of Middlesex, N. C., now held on the charge of killing his bride of three months, wrote to his mother before he attempted to end his own life last Thursday night in Wilson, N. C.

Declaring his innocence of the charge against him, Dr. Johnson was to-day in the jail hospital. He was not required to go to court to answer in person when his case was called, and preliminary examination was fixed for Jan. 2.

The body of Mrs. Alice Knight Johnson, the nineteen-year-old wife of the dentist, may have to be exhumed if Mrs. Johnson's inquest is conducted. Mrs. Johnson died as the result of taking poison. The police theory is that she was unaware that the capsule she

Police Furnish Real Christmas to Poor Kiddies; Crowd Getting Gifts at West 20th St. Station



TEN MORE TOWNS TAKEN BY BRITISH IN THE HOLY LAND

Allenby Advances One Force North of Jaffa and Another East of Bethany.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Gen. Allenby's troops in Palestine continue their advance on the plain of Sharon, north of Jaffa, and have occupied four more towns. The official statement on the operation reads:

"On Saturday morning, with naval co-operation, our left continued the advance north of the Nahr el Auja, reaching the line Sheikh el Ballat-Jellil, about four miles north of the river. Rushing eastward and south of the river, we occupied Fejja and Muleibia. This was followed by the capture of Rantieh, on the Turkish railway to the north, and Khelbeld-Khelbeh, four miles south-east of Rantieh. Effective aerial work was carried out on enemy transports and infantry."

An earlier, but delayed report, told of the capture of six other towns in the Holy Land. It read:

"Gen. Allenby reports that at midnight of Dec. 20-21 our troops, crossing the Nahr el Auja (four miles north of Jaffa) on rafts and light bridges, seized Khurbit, Hadrah, Sheikh Muannir, Te'er Ikket and El Nakhras. The localities are near the mouth of the river and include commanding ground three miles north of it. They captured 305 prisoners, eleven of whom were officers, and ten machine guns."

"Other forces captured Bas as Zandy, two miles northeast of Bethany, taking thirty prisoners, two machine guns and beating off three counter attacks."

"Gen. Allenby also reported the following captures since the commencement of operations: Ninety-nine guns and howitzers with carriages; about 400 limbers, wagons and other vehicles, 110 machine guns, more than 7,000 rifles, 18,500 rounds of small arm ammunition and more than 50,000 rounds of gun and howitzer ammunition, besides various other stores."

"Since the Turks were driven out of Jerusalem they have been conducting guerilla warfare north and east of the city, splitting up into numerous small bodies to attack British outposts, to snipe patrols and generally to make themselves unpleasant," says Reuter's correspondent at Jerusalem, telegraphing Dec. 18.

"Such tactics are greatly facilitated by the fact that the country is so hilly and intersected by so many ravines and small rivers. To improve the British position the taking of certain ridges was ordered so that there may be a wider range of defense. All these moves have been successfully carried out."

"A remarkable opportunity to view this fighting is afforded by the Mount of Olives, which makes what is probably the most wonderful observation post in the world. In the clear atmosphere of Palestine objects 5,000 to 6,000 yards away look as if they were within pistol shot. The winding course of the Jordan is clearly visible and motorboats may be seen skimming the surface of the Dead Sea."

Self & Company's sales of Beef in New York City for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 22, averaged as follows: Domestic

Christmas Greeting to Gen. Pershing From Christian Bethlehem

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—Gen. ALLENBY, Commander in Chief of the British forces in Palestine, has sent the following striking, historic Christmas greeting to Gen. Pershing:

"The British troops in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve send to their American comrades a message of greeting and of hope that through the achievement of their common purpose the law of force and peace and good will reign at length on earth."

WHITE HOUSE TO BE OWNED BY KIDDIES TO-MORROW

President's Grandchildren Will Have Huge Christmas Tree in the Library.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson will turn over the White House to-morrow to his grandchildren, Francis and Ellen Sayre and little Ellen Wilson MacDoo. There will be a huge Christmas tree in the mansion library.

Out on the Virginia road, leading to the President's favorite golf course, fifty kiddies will be visited to-morrow by one of the White House autos laden with toys and candy. These children daily salute the President as he journeys to his game.

One hundred and twenty-five turkeys went to employees of the White House to-day—each a gift from the President. War is curtailing the celebrations of the elders at the Mansion and Cabinet homes. But the children will find Old Santa on the job this year as usual.

Peggy, Betty and Jack, children of Secretary Baker, it is whispered, are going to get just what they wanted—Betty, a doll; Jack, a lionized for telegraph apparatus and Morse code book; and little Peggy, a "boofol doll."

Morgan Frank Daniels and Jonathan Worth, younger sons of the Secretary of the Navy, will receive one present each from their parents—the former a sweater and the latter a French dictionary.

The President and Mrs. Wilson walked through the shopping district shortly before noon to-day and was greeted with "Merry Christmas" by many in the crowds. The President acknowledged the greetings with a smile.

Clarence Ignatius Morrison will preside at the Christmas tree in the home of Vice President and Mrs. Marshall to-morrow. Clarence Ignatius is the youngest of the Marshalls have taken under their wings because his mother was unable to afford him advantages.

PERSHING SENDS CALL FOR 1,000 BRICKLAYERS

This State Asked to Furnish 150 at Once—Volunteers May Be Enrolled Immediately.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The Federal authorities to-day called upon New York State for 150 bricklayers for Gen. Pershing's army in France. The general wants 1,000 of them at once. This supply, which is imperative, can be secured only by immediate volunteering.

Men desiring such service may present themselves to local boards for immediate induction into the army. It is declared that the men may be drafted

TRUCE WITH RUSSIA LEADS TO SERIOUS CLASH IN GERMANY

Majority Socialists and Imperial Government at Odds, Radio Message Shows.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"Serious difficulties" between the Imperial German Government and the majority Socialists have resulted from the conclusion of an armistice with Russian Maximalists, the Committee on Public Information learned to-day in a radio message from Lyons, France.

German military authorities, the message says, are strongly opposing Socialist assemblies and are doing all within their power to thwart an expansion of the Socialist movement.

The message is quoted from Zurich despatches to a French news agency: "Word comes from Berlin that the conclusion of the armistice with the Maximalists has, as a first effect, produced serious difficulties between the Imperial Government and the majority Socialists. The latter, in fact, advertise openly their ideas about peace conditions and those tendencies of which the Pan-Germans and the militarists complain. Numerous incidents have occurred. The prohibition of the meeting arranged for last Sunday in Berlin by the majoritists is not an isolated case."

"The communication of the Socialist Party in the protest that was addressed to the Imperial Chancellor mentioned a large number of abuses committed by military authorities against the right of holding meetings."

"The Pan-Germans, on the other hand, reproach the Social Democrats majority for their anti-national attitude. They complain, notably, of an article in the Chemnitz Volksstimme, in which is found this significant passage:

"The members of the Centre, National Liberals and Progressives are trying to exploit to the plaudits of the nation the views the principle, according to which people should have control over their own destinies. Thus they are trying to combine with the barons of Poland with a view to concluding an arrangement which will be fatal to the needs of the proletariat on the eastern front. It seeks at this time to act as though these were foregone conclusions."

Chancellor Hertling's Russian Peace Programme Approved.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—The German Federal Council has approved Chancellor Hertling's Russian peace programme, according to a Berlin dispatch to-day. Details of the plan were withheld.

TWO GERMAN RAIDS REPULSED BY BRITISH

London Reports Successes at Points on Cambrai and La Bassée Fronts.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—German troops yesterday afternoon attempted to raid British positions southeast of Epehy, on the Cambrai front, but were driven off, the War Office announced to-day.

Attacking parties which attempted to approach British lines in the neighborhood of Monchy-lez-Preaux and west of La Bassée were repulsed.

NO APPOINTMENTS YET, SAYS HYLAN; WOMEN ASK JOBS

"Nothing Definitely Decided Upon," Adds Mayor-Elect—Gloom Among Job-Hunters.

"I have no announcements to make," said Mayor-elect Hyman today when asked about appointments. Then he cast even more Christmas gloom over the expectant office seekers by adding:

"Nothing is definitely decided upon, not one."

Asked whether the printed prediction that William J. Flynn is to be Police Commissioner, Judge Hyman said: "Let the papers go on printing their stories."

Both suffrage and anti-suffrage leaders have been to see the Mayor-elect to urge the appointment of women to numerous municipal offices.

Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse, Chairman of the New York State Suffrage Party, had a talk with him to-day and presented a list of names. She was assured that women would have representation, but no definite offices or candidates were promised.

The list of places which various organizations of women have demanded for the sex includes the following:

One Justice of the Court of Special Sessions to preside over the Children's Court; Commissioner of Charities, Commissioner of Correction, President of the Parole Board, four members of the School Board.

Among the applicants for the Judgeship are Charles Harrington, Amy Wren, Lucille Pugh and Mrs. Lillian Stevenson. Miss Lillian Wald, head of the Henry Street settlement, has been endorsed by some groups of women for Commissioner of Correction. Judge Hyman cynically asked:

"How about that item of \$25,000 for the Henry Street settlement which the Board of Aldermen threw out?"

The Mayor-elect also expressed surprise over the fact that he was being solicited to appoint to office women who had opposed him in the campaign and supported Mayor Mitchell's candidacy. Among his callers were Miss Mary Garret Way, Chairman of the New York City Suffrage Party, and Miss Mary E. Dreier, head of the Brooklyn organization. The latter was an open supporter of Mayor Mitchell. The Judge was polite, but frigid.

The only assurance of feminine appointments is to the school board. Other places which are claimed for women are under consideration. Most of Judge Hyman's time to-day was taken up by the widening factional breach in Democratic ranks of Queens Borough. There are now four distinct groups claiming recognition and patronage and all of them sent despatches to headquarters.

The most significant caller of the day, however, was L. J. O'Reilly, representative of William H. Hearst, who was closeted with Judge Hyman after all other callers had been sent away.

In the new Mayor's headquarters there was general understanding that only one name is certain on the numerous tentative slates prepared. That is Congressman Murray Hurlbert to be Commissioner of Docks.

XMAS TURKEYS 42 CENTS; RETAILERS KEEP WORD

Washington Market Men Obey Rule About Five Cents a Pound Profit.

Turkey is 42 cents a pound to-day, retail, in Washington Market, and there is only one grade—"fresh killed." The price is held by about 5 cents than it was at Thanksgiving time.

The retailers promised the Food Board they would not make more than 5 cents a pound profit, and they say they are keeping their word. The wholesale market dropped about 3 cents.

P. Q. Foy, market expert, stirred things up on the Jersey side yesterday by charging that the Adams Express Company was so badly tied up that fowl were dying in crates from exposure and lack of food. The company admitted that there was congestion, but said it was nothing unusual for this time of year.

Outbreak of Measles at Camp Devens, Mass.

AYER, Mass., Dec. 24.—An outbreak of measles among members of the 102nd brigade at Camp Devens to-day caused a cancellation of Christmas leave granted to a number of soldiers. Twenty members of the Tenth Company from Connecticut were preparing to leave for home when word came that the company had been quarantined. Similar conditions existed in the Twelfth Company from Western Massachusetts and the Twenty-fifth Company from Worcester County.

DIED.

CROSS.—FRANK W. CROSS, Services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway, 66th St., Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

STURGES.—On Saturday, Dec. 22, 1917, at his late residence, 58 Park ave. FREDERICK, son of the late Jonathan and Mary Penherton Sturges, in the 82nd year of his age.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Church, Broadway and 10th St., on Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, at 10 o'clock. It is kindly requested that no flowers be sent. Interment at Mount Hope family.

NEW YORK MAN WINS CROIX DE GUERRE FOR SERVICE IN FRANCE.



Norman Lee of New York, a member of the American Field Service, has won the French Croix de Guerre. The photograph shows him being decorated by Gen. Darwin.

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HEY, FELLOWS! Come Over! SHE Sent LOFT CANDY!

URE ENOUGH! The boy in camp has received his Christmas box. It has been packed with tender care and every comfort has been provided for him. Preserved Fruits, Jellies, Handkerchiefs, Books, Soap, Mufflers, Gloves and LOFT CANDY. What a treat it will mean for this chap's immediate friends on Christmas morning! What a lot of pleasure a nice box of LOFT Sweets would bring to some boy you know in tent or barracks! But get the Packages started on their way at once.

MILK CHOCOLATE SANTA CLAUS—A novelty beautifully illustrated from our own owned Premium Milk Chocolate. 12c, 21c, 34c

Holiday Gift Hints in Toothsome Sweets

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